



Welcome to the June edition of my Dulles Direct Newsletter. I want to thank those who took the time to come out to my Town Hall Meeting at Stone Hill Middle School. We were joined by County Administrator Tim Hemstreet and had a good discussion about Metro.

Metro is on everyone's mind this week, with the Board's decision looming on July 3. I'll update you on the latest below, but I also want to touch on some other things going on that are important for our district. As always, please share this newsletter with your friends and neighbors, and remember that the best way to stay up to date on major issues is to "like" my [Facebook page](#).

## Legislative Update

**Metro:** The Board of Supervisors will vote July 3 on whether to be part of the Silver Line project. The meeting starts at 9 a.m. and the whole region will be watching. Prior to that, we have another meeting scheduled for Friday, June 29 at 5 p.m. to finalize the framework for our funding mechanism for the project, should we move forward. We have made a great deal of progress on financing. The proposal that we will be considering creates a special tax district around the 606 and 772 Metro stations which does NOT include any existing residential housing in the Dulles District. Other tax districts, which would have included existing residential in my district, have been taken off the table by the Board. I opposed those proposals from the beginning.

I have heard from hundreds of constituents about Metro. The emails, phone calls and conversations I've had have been overwhelmingly in favor. I have previously gone into great detail about [my position on Metro](#), so I will not do so again here. I will only reiterate that I think the project is affordable and in the best interests of the county. I'm hopeful that a majority of the Board will vote to opt-in and we can move forward. I will be sending out a news alert email with an update following the vote.

**Braddock/Pleasant Valley:** Following the Loudoun Board's decision to commit \$1 million in local gas tax revenue to improving this intersection, the Virginia Commonwealth Transportation Board announced last week that it is providing \$600,000 for preliminary engineering. I'd like to thank Delegates David Ramadan and Jim LeMunyon and other members of the delegation for

their support, which will be critical going forward. With the approval of preliminary engineering funds, the first hurdle for improving the intersection has been met. Following the completion of engineering, there will be a final cost estimate for the project and we will then seek the cost sharing agreement. Stay tuned.

**Gloucester Parkway/Pacific Boulevard:** The Virginia Commonwealth Transportation Board also approved an \$80 million loan from the Virginia Transportation Infrastructure Bank to the Kincora Development to complete Gloucester Parkway and Pacific Boulevard. Kincora is responsible for the completion of Gloucester Parkway to Pacific as well as Pacific between Nokes and Russell Branch Parkway. This project will provide a critical link to Route 28 from central Ashburn, giving drivers an alternative to Waxpool Road. It is expected that the design for this project will begin immediately with the Gloucester Parkway extension being finished as early as 2014.

**Future Dulles South Elementary School (ES-21) Update:** As I mentioned in a Dulles District News Alert earlier this month, the Board approved my motion to accelerate construction of the new Dulles South Elementary School, known as ES-21, to FY2013 and to build it at the Grant Perkins site adjacent to J. Michael Lunsford Middle School. The next step in the process is to approve a bond referendum for November's election. In order for that to occur, the Board must hold a public hearing on the matter, which will occur on July 10 at 6 p.m. in Leesburg. Speakers can sign up at the meeting but it is recommended that you sign up in advance by calling 703-777-0200. The Board will be taking a formal vote on the bond items at the July 17 Business Meeting. Given the unanimous vote to move forward with my motion, I do not anticipate there being any issues at this stage but of course I will be seeing this item through to completion.

## **Dulles District Updates**

**Route 50 Construction Update Meeting Reminder:** Delegate Ramadan and I will be hosting a VDOT "Pardon Our Dust" meeting regarding the Route 50 widening project on **Thursday, June 28 at 6 p.m.** at the Dulles South Public Safety Center. I know that there have been continued concerns about lane closures and other aspects of this project, so I thought it would be beneficial to provide access to VDOT officials for all of you to discuss these concerns. VDOT will give an update on their construction plans and there will be an opportunity to ask questions.

**Dulles District Park Needs A Name!** The Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services has begun the public participation process to name a park site in the Dulles District. The park is a proffered, 4.11 acre active and passive park located at the intersection of Braddock Road and Goshen Road near the Sratshire Crossing community. Anyone interested in proposing names can submit their recommendations by email to [prcs@loudoun.gov](mailto:prcs@loudoun.gov). Recommendations can also be submitted by mail to Diane Ryburn, Director, Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services, 215 Depot Court SE, Leesburg, VA 20175. Full name, mailing address, and phone number are needed. All submissions must be in by 5 p.m. on July 27.

## **Announcements**

**Star Spangled South Riding:** South Riding will be holding its annual Independence Day celebration on Tuesday, July 3 from 6 p.m.-10 p.m. The night begins with the Star Spangled parade which all are invited to participate in. The parade will leave the South Riding HOA building on Unicorn promptly at 6:30 p.m. and will follow Riding Center Drive to Dulles South Multipurpose Center where the rest of the events will take place. From 6:30-9:45 p.m. there will be a concert and then the night will finish with a fireworks display. For more information on this event and others, please visit [www.southriding.net/events](http://www.southriding.net/events).

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